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- 4. PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND CLERICAL SUPPORT.
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- I. PROVIDE ANY WARNING INFORMATION

 IT RECEIVED DURING 15-30 JANUARY.
- 2. PROVIDE BRIEFING ON THIS MATERIAL.
- 3. PROVIDE BRIDGING ON ITS PROCEDURES
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- 5. THE BOARD REQUESTS THAT STUDY BE CONCENTRATED ON THE 15-30 JANUARY DERIOD, BUT SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION RECEIVED PRIOR TO 15 JANUARY SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

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